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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 056
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"AN ORDER DIRECTING THE SUSPENSION OF OPERATIONS OF ALL ENCLOSED RECREATIONAL CENTERS, FITNESS CENTERS, GYMS, MOVIE HOUSES OR MOVIE THEATERS, CASINOS, BARS AND CLUBS UNTIL THE GENERAL COMMUNITY QUARANTINE IS LIFTED OR WITHDRAWN"

WHEREAS, Section 15 or Article II of the 1987 Philippine Constitution provides that the State shall protect and promote the right of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2020, Chinese health authorities reported that the cause of a viral pneumonia outbreak in the City of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China was a novel type of Coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans;

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, the first case of localized COVID-19 transmission was confirmed by the Department of Health (DOH);

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020, President Rodrigo R. Duterte, recognizing that the COVID-19 public health event constitutes a threat to national security, and to prompt a whole-of-government approach in addressing the COVID-19 outbreak, declared a State of Public Health Emergency throughout the entire Philippines through Proclamation No. 922;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization (WHO) has already characterized the COVID-19 as a pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Department of Health (DOH) has already reported a total of 187 confirmed cases and 12 deaths due to the COVID-19 in the country as of March 17, 2020;

WHEREAS, the City Government of Cebu has declared a General Community Quarantine pursuant to Executive Order No. 52 issued on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, to intensify the precautionary and safety measures against COVID-19, there is a dire need to temporarily close all establishments that are enclosed and have limited space which encourage the gathering and coming together of people;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDGARDO C. LABELLA, City Mayor of the City of Cebu, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby order:

SECTION 1. **TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ENCLOSED RECREATIONAL CENTERS, FITNESS CENTERS, GYMS, MOVIE HOUSES OR MOVIE THEATERS, CASINOS, BARS AND CLUBS**. As part of the precautionary and safety measures against COVID-19, a temporary closure is hereby imposed to all enclosed recreational centers, fitness centers, gyms, movie houses or movie theaters, casinos, bars and clubs operating within the City of Cebu upon the effectivity of this Order and during the entire period of the General Community Quarantine;

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SECTION 2. **COVERAGE** Private establishments and businesses offering leisure and entertainment, gathering crowds confined in a specific area are prohibited from operating during the effectivity of the General Community Quarantine. These are the following:

A. Places of amusement that serve alcoholic beverages such as night clubs, bars, taverns, cocktail lounges, beer parlors, and pubs;
B. Arts, entertainment and recreation activities/places such as live performances, events or exhibits intended for public viewing, art, galleries, concerts, and opera or dance production, operation of concert and theatre halls and other arts;
C. Gambling facilities such as casinos, bingo halls, video gaming terminals and the provision of gambling services such as lotteries and off-track betting;
D. Fitness centers, gyms, dance studio and other fitness classes;

SECTION 2. **ENFORCEMENT.** The Philippine National Police with the cooperation of the Business Permit Licensing Office (BPLO) and the Prevention, Restoration, Order, Beautification, Enhancement (PROBE) Team are hereby directed to implement the full extent of this Order and in consequence thereto, revoke the Business Permit of the establishment and file appropriate legal action.

Barangays through the active involvement of the Barangay Captain, Tanods and other force multipliers are likewise mandated to implement this Order in their respective jurisdiction and in coordination with law enforcement agencies.

SECTION 3. **SEPARABILITY CLAUSE.** Should any provision of this Executive Order be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction as invalid or unconstitutional, the remaining provisions not otherwise adversely affected thereby shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 4. **REPEALING CLAUSE.** Any and all executive orders, issuances, rules and regulations, memoranda of the City of Cebu or any part thereof which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Executive Order are hereby repealed, amended or modified accordingly.

SECTION 5. **EFFECTIVITY.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signing hereof and shall remain effective until revoked.

Done in the City of Cebu, this 12th day of March in the year 2020.

EDGARDO C. LABELLA
Mayor